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Must I be broken to wither far from here?

I brought it to my garden, from the Wood,
Where now it gaily blossoms, as it should.

Has it not sunshine, care and tender love—
My flower once so lowly, my treasure trove?

From the German of Goethe

MISCELLANEOUS.

TORPEDO JIM.

THE STORY OF A MOONLIGHTER—LIFE IN THE OIL FIELDS OF NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA.

"I am dying; yes, dying."

Away up on the Bingham lands, in the great northern oil field of Pennsylvania, a man lay dying. The flare of a huge gas jet came struggling through the wide crack of the rude hemlock board shanty and fell on the form of a man upon whose features the hand of trouble and sorrow had left heavy traces. He was alone, save the writer of this, and as the hours dragged slowly along he grew uneasy, as if he feared and dreaded the end which was inevitable. With an effort he roused himself.

"What time is it?" he asked.

"Nine o'clock."

"Big Jack won't be home till half-past twelve, and before that time I will be locating 'wildcat' wells in another world."

"Shall I go for him?"

"No; oh, no! Don't leave me. I couldn't watch out the last hour and run the last bit alone. I want to tell Big Jack something, but you will do just as well. Can you keep a secret?"

"Yes."

"Well, it's a strange story I've got to tell, and I want somebody to know it before—"

He paused a long time for breath. The cabin or "shanty" in which he lay was situated in a sheltered spot among a cluster of giant pines, and was the only habitation for miles around. It was far beyond the line marking the extreme front of oil operations, and had been hurridly thrown together as a cabin for the drillers and tool-dressers of a test well since become famous among oil men as "the duster that sent the market flying into the nineties." It wasn't much of a shanty even for the oil country, the boards had been nailed together with more than usual carelessness, and the heat from the rough stove inside had warped the boards so that snow and rain sometimes blew in on the "bunkers" during the night and frosted each man's beard and hair like a network of lace. Outside, a few rods from the door, a gas light flamed and flared across the snow and played ghostly pranks with the giant trees in the darkness of the night. I had sought the shelter of the rude cabin one cold day during the winter just passed, for I had been delayed while "out in the big woods" prospecting for new territory, and had not set out on the return journey soon enough to reach civilization by nightfall, and had been hospitably invited to stay as long as I pleased, providing I could accommodate myself to the surroundings. Five men occupied the cabin—two drillers, two tool-dressers and a male cook. Two of the men were, at nine o'clock at night, busy at the test well a half-mile away, two others were on a visit to Bradford for provision supplies, and the fifth one lay in a rude bunk above the gas stove, tossing from side to side and waiting for the "silent summons." It was Torpedo Jim, the moonlighter. What his real name was no one knew; he went under the dime-novel name of Torpedo Jim. Some men called him Jim Barton, but whether or not that was really his name none of his friends and acquaintances could tell. Jim had been sick for three days, so the head-driller, Big Jack Sanford, said; and as I stood by the side of his bunk and watched the pain contorted face I wished I might lift the veil hanging over this man's life, and so learn the tragedy and romance lying deeply hidden beneath the blue shirt and heavy coat. As I stood watching and waiting he started up in a fright.

"My God, did you hear that?" he almost shrieked.

"No; I hear nothing. What was it?"

"A woman's scream. I have heard it before more than once. Go outside and listen."

Curiously wondering what the man could mean, I opened the door and stepped out into the night. All was still and dark save a low whispering among the pines and the flare of the burning gas. Away off down the valley, at the test well, I could hear the puff, puff of the laboring engine as it swung the ponderous drilling tools up and down, and the ring of the heavy hammer as the tool-dresser pounded the bit into proper shape. No other sound broke the stillness of the night, and the little cabin under the pine was as silent as the grave. Into the room again and by the invalid's bunk was but a step, and as his eyes met mine the mute question was quickly answered:

"I could hear nothing except the well; all is still," was my reply.

"It must be that I am dying; yes, dying," he murmured once more, "and I cannot go with a secret on my mind. Say, stranger," said he suddenly, "do you think God forgives the blackest sins and crimes?"

He waited eagerly and with emotion for my answer.

"Yes, if you ask it in the right spirit."

"Do you think so? Well, I am glad of it, and I have been praying a long time these three days I have been sick for God to wipe out the black spots and stains in my life; and oh, I do hope He has heard what I asked. But I feel that the end is near, and I'll tell you my story."

After having been propped up with a pillow of old coats and boots he began:

"I s'pose you have heard of Torpedo Jim, the moonlighter? Yes? Well, that's me, and I got the name because I'm the only living man that took active part in two glycerine explosions and lived. I've handled hundreds of tons of the infernal stuff, both in the employ of Roberts, the torpedo monopolist, and working for myself, skulking around the woods at night and shooting wells against the law. I've been a pipe line man, a tool-dresser and a driller and a heap of other things besides, but the worst business I ever got into was this same moonlighting. A man will stay out of it so long as he fears God and regards man, and I tell you he gets pretty well hardened before he can sneak around nights with enough fresh hell to blow him into four different townships in the wink of an eye. When a man gets so that he don't care whether he lives or dies the next minute, he goes into moonlighting and makes a heap of money. Oh, yes, there's lots of money in it, but it is dearly earned cash. But I wasn't always a moonlighter. Oh, no. I used to be as promising a boy as ever walked, and that was only a short time ago. I am only twenty-six years old now, but I have felt to be nearly fifty for the past two years. What made me a moonlighter? I'll show you. There, that made me a moonlighter and—a—murderer!"

It was a picture, a small locket picture of a beautiful young woman with dreamy brown eyes, sweet pouting lips and a wealth of dark brown hair. A most lovable young lady, surely, if the picture might be taken as a basis of calculation. The features were strangely familiar to me, for they resembled the features of the wife of a prominent oil operator whom I had met several times at private receptions and small parties. The man continued without interruption.

"Ah, you start," he said with a fierce laugh. "You have seen the original? Yes? And you will see her again, too. Four years ago I was engaged to that woman, and I was as happy as the day was long. I had bright prospects in life then, and my father, who was in business in Philadelphia, where we lived, was supposed to be pretty comfortably fixed in life. But somehow or other, after he died and his affairs were straightened out, my mother and I hadn't a cent to give a beggar. I tried clerking and book keeping in Philadelphia for awhile, but it was no go; and to cap the climax of my misery the young lady I was engaged to broke off the engagement with the polite excuse that she thought too much of me to hamper me with an engagement, and that I could climb the ladder of fortune much better if I was not bound by ties of any kind. Very tender and considerate, wasn't she? She never cared for me as much as she did for my money, but I just worshipped her, and when she threw me over in that cool way I wilted right down and left the city. I landed in the lower oil country and tried to do something. And then when I saw my mistake it was too late to get good bargains on leases in the northern field, but I came here all the same and tried to make my way. I had my mother to support in Philadelphia all the time, and it was through her that I learned of the marriage of the woman I loved to a wealthy man from the oil regions. I was sick for two weeks after that, stranger, and when I came to my senses I wasn't the same man. I didn't care to live; and if it hadn't been for my poor old mother I should have killed myself. I became rough and reckless and did the roughest work I could find. I drove team awhile, and then built rigs and dressed tools. After awhile I turned driller and tried to save money for my mother, but I didn't make it fast enough. The longer I lived in the northern field the more reckless I became, and it wasn't long before I was a moonlighter. I made torpedoes for shooting wells, against the law, and lived out in the woods in a little log hut and hated the sight of man. I soon became the boldest and most successful moonlighter in the country, and every cent of money I could get above expenses I sent to Philadelphia. I got on the inside of a lot of information some lucky speculators had, and took a flyer on the market with splendid result. I made money hand over fist, but fortune came too late to do me any good, and though I was still a young man I looked forward to nothing this world could give.

"A year ago this winter I took to drinking 'tangle-foot' whiskey, and after two or three sprees I got to going at a terrible rate, and one day in the early spring of 1880, some time in April, I think, I got into a row with a man at the head of Tram Hollow, and we had a red-hot fight. We were both drunk; and when I found I was getting the best of him a wild thrill ran through me, the devil took full possession of my actions, and before I could think twice I had stabbed him to the heart, and my hands were stained with the blood of a fellow creature!"

The dying man shook with agony as the thoughts of that terrible deed came upon him, and his pain distorted face was lifted in prayer for mercy and forgiveness. It was a solemn hour for a stranger to that rocky country—the death-bed confession under the moaning pines and the long shadows of the giant trees, casting their somber forms about in the flickering light of the gas-jet. A silence fell upon us suddenly; the moaning of the pines sank to the faintest of whispers, while from afar down the valley came the whirr and roar of the bull-wheel as the cable of the heavy drill at the well ran with lightning speed over the crown-pulley down into the earth two thousand feet.

"Hark!" said the man whom death was about to claim. "Big Jack is running the tools and is letting them slide so that I can hear. It is the last time I will ever hear that sound. I have heard it often and handled the bull-wheel brake many times. I never will again; no, never again on this earth."

He was silent again, and so still was the wintry night that I could hear the thud of the walking-beam and the rattle of the cable against the derrick. The silence became absolutely painfull, until at last the melancholy face of the dying man was raised again.

"Stranger, come nearer; I'm going fast, and I must tell you the rest. After I killed that man I hid the body in a clump of brush and searched him to learn who he was. I never found out, for he had on his oily clothes, and there was nothing in his pockets only this, a little piece of paper, and on it is written, 'What is life? 'Tis but a vapor, soon it vanishes away.' True, isn't it? At least I have found it so. Well, after I hid that man in the brush-heap, I wandered around the country and couldn't eat nor sleep. It was glorious weather at that time; everything was as dry as a bone, and the next day, as I stood before that brush-pile by some power of attraction that made me go there, I saw a great column of black smoke rise up near Rew City. I knew it was an oil fire, and I knew it would sweep a large area of country and leave nothing but ashes and the casing in the oil wells. The ground was sprinkled with oil all over the fields and the leaves were as inflammable as powder. Well, I watched the Rew City fire grow larger and larger, and all at once I became a fiend incarnate and set the leaves and oil-soaked brush on fire around the big timber pile that hid the body of the unfortunate pauper I had killed. Instantly the whole place was a blazing mass, and the fire spread so fast that I had to run for my life. Did you ever see an oil fire? Yes? And saw the fires in Rew City, Tram Hollow and Foster Brook on that awful day? Is that so? Well, then, you know how fast they run and what a roar they make. It was just awful that day. I never saw anything like it. It was reported that the Tram Hollow fire was accidental and that the fire started from some sparks that had been smouldering in a stump-pile. That is all nonsense, for I started the fire myself and had to run for life to keep out of its way. Like a crazy fool, I ran down the valley with the wind, and the fire followed me like a monster ready to avenge itself. There was some houses down in the Valley, and they used to call the place Oil Center, and when I reached the first house the fire had caught up with me, and I jumped into the creek and ran down in safety out of reach of the fire.

"Pretty soon I came to a house that belonged to a woman, and it was all she had between her and poverty, and I saw her trying to carry out some things; but before she could do anything the fire swooped down and caught up that house like a whirlwind. That woman turned to me, gave one unearthly, heart-rending scream and fainted away. I took care of her until she was able to walk, and then put her in charge of some of her friends. Oh, that awful scream. I have heard it many times since; I heard it to-night while you were here. It has haunted me day and night; it has given me no rest. I sometimes think that the pauper I killed was a relative of hers, and that her screams come to me in punishment for the deed.

"You know the result of that Tram Hollow fire? Scores of people thrown on the world homeless and penniless; thousands upon thousands of dollars lost; children crying for bread about the skirts of their heart broken mothers. I have since done what I could in a feeble way to see that those homeless people did not suffer for the necessaries of life; but, oh, the remorse that has gnawed at my heart since that fatal day! Why, oh why, did I ever touch the accursed whisky that made me a fiend? Why, oh why, did the woman I loved drive me to this? Oh, curse—"

He stopped as if stricken dumb, his eyes glaring wildly from their sockets, his face a picture of horror and fear.

"My God!" he shrieked; "that scream again! Did you hear it? No; how could you! for it comes only to me. I feel that I'm going very fast now; and oh, I hope God has forgiven me. Come closer. Here, take the picture and keep it, and—some—day show it—to the woman it represents—and tell her—and—tell her—I—I loved her—to—the—the—last!"

The gas-light came struggling through the cracks in the rough cabin and fell upon as upturned face, from which faded sorrow and care and hate and fear and all things earthly, and which, as the Angel of Death released the suffering spirit, reflected from its cold form the look of peace and love of the dead but unfortunate past. Slowly, reverently, I closed the door of the rude building and left the dead alone with the changing shadows under the moaning pines. Out into the wintry night, down the little valley to the test well I walked as in a dream, and as I opened the door of the derrick and stood before the giant form of Big Jack Sanford that large-hearted man gazed at me in surprised silence.

"The man up at the shanty—" I began, and a lump seemed to come into my throat all at once.

"Yes!" said Jack interrogatively.

"He is—is—dead!" and I sat down on the anvil in sheer despair.

"What! Jim Barton? Torpedo Jim?"

I could only nod assent.

"Dead! Torpedo Jim dead! Poor Jim!" And a great sob shook the burly form of the driller as he groped blindly for the throttle-wheel.

With a creaking and jarring, the pondrous machinery came to a standstill, and honest-hearted Jack Sanford leaned against the back brake of the mud-reel and wiped the moisture from his eyes with a kind of groan. The tool-dresser came rushing into the derrick with a Gem Theater song on his lips, but as he saw his fellow-worker the song died away, and he stood in amazement before his friend nervously wiping his grimy hands with a bit of waste.

"What—what's the matter, Jack? Lost a bit down the hole, or has the stock fast in the rough?" inquired the tool-dresser.

No reply.

"Ain't broke the temper-screw nor nothin', hev ye?"

With an effort the driller aroused himself and started the heavy tools once more. Then nodding toward the bull-wheel, and then at the tug-wheel superintendent, he soon had the tool-dresser busily engaged in preparing to raise the tools from the hole two thousand feet under the snow.

Have you ever stood in an oil derrick and watched a heavy set of drilling tools being raised from the bottom of a hole two thousand feet deep? How the cable springs and stretches; how the timbers creak and groan as if every revolution of the monstrous bull-wheel was attended with pain, and how the engine labors and fiercely coughs forth its discontent at such hard work.

As Big Jack Sanford turned on the steam that cold night and started the drill from its rocky bed every piece of timber and every bit of iron seemed to cry out against the proceeding. Never had the thickly-braided cable shot out from the hole with such lightning speed, and never before had the tool-dresser forgotten to pour water down the hole as the swaying tools came rushing to the surface. How the dirty water and bits of sand did fly about as the cable sailed over the boards of the derrick! But the nerve of Big Jim never faltered, and in the midst of the rush and roar he found time to order the tool-dresser to put out the fire under the boiler and close up for the night. At last the unwieldy drill stood dripping on the derrick floor, and silently the driller led the way through the snow-path up through the wooded valley to the lonely cabin. As we neared the place I gently laid the tool-dresser's arm and allowed Big Jack to go on and enter the cabin alone. All this time the tool dresser was profoundly ignorant of the whole affair, and as I broke the news to him as gently as possible the usually thoughtless-spoken man sobered down and said nothing for a long time. At last, with a suspicious huskiness in his voice, he spoke.

"Poor old boy!" said he gently and sorrowfully; "his troubles on this earth are over forever. And poor Jack, he loved him like a brother, although he knew that Jim was once a high-toned cuss from New York or some big city. And doesn't it seem strange to you that a man who had been through two nitro-glycerine explosions should pass in his checks away out here in this God-forsaken country? And all alone, too; that is, I mean, with none of his friends near. It seems hard, doesn't it, that a fellow like what Jim used to be before he struck this country should die all alone up here away from his mother and friends? They say he had a mother, but he was ashamed to see her as he was, and none of us, not even Big Jack, knows where he is. But I know she has been well provided for, because Jack told me Jim had given her about twenty thousand dollars that he had made up here. She wanted him to come home and live with her; and they say that when he would get a letter from her he would go out into the woods by himself and stay all night, and then he would burn the letter in the fire. Strange, wasn't it? He thought a great deal of his mother; but they say he had some affair of the heart that broke him all up for good. Women are queer things, anyway. I have always tried to keep away from them, for it's like running your hands into a gas-fish to get mixed up with them. Well, well, I'm sorry that poor Jim ran his last bit and struck the sand out here, for he was different from any of us, and was made for something better than to die here all alone. Poor Jim, poor Jim!"

Softly we entered the little cabin and stood in the presence of the dead. It seemed so strangely that death should come down and lay his hands on the sick man under the health-giving pines; it didn't seem like other haunts of death, like funerals in churches and grand houses, where sorrowing friends crowd around the silver-trimmed casket and take a last look at the tenement of clay. There it was pomp and worldly sorrow; here it was poor, unfortunate James Barton, Torpedo Jim, lying in his bunk so cold and still and silent. We sat in the little cabin a long while in silence, each man busy with his own thoughts and strangely effected by the presence of death in the lonely forest. The night wore on apace, and after a while Big Jack Sanford, the driller, arose and went out of the room into the early morning, closing the door carefully, as if afraid he might disturb the corpse of his friend. Hours passed, and as one by one the stars faded away and the sun came gleaming through the tree-tops the tool-dresser and I dropped off to sleep; and when we were awakened by the sound of footsteps on the frozen snow we saw Big Jack coming toward the cabin with a rough hemlock box shaped like a coffin.

"It isn't so nice as I could wish," said Big Jack as he deposited his burden on the board table; "but it is the best we can do."

With the loving tenderness of a father, Big Jack gathered the inanimate form of Torpedo Jim in the narrow coffin. And then he and the tool-dresser lifted the remains and carried them through the doorway and down the path leading past the well. It was the most sorrowful funeral procession I have ever seen. It wasn't much of a procession, to be sure. Jack and his fellow-worker led the way with the body and I followed. Yet there was sorrow there; sorrow for the dead and aching hearts and broken ones joined with the moaning pines in chanting a requiem for one to whom fate had been a bitter enemy. Down past the well to a lightning-blasted giant pine tree, and at its foot was a newly-made grave, the last loving labor that noble-hearted Jack could do for his dead friend. And then we lowered the blue-eyed man into his last resting place, the sun burst through a cloud and fell full upon us and cast a halo of golden glory about the scene; and when all was done the driller raised his arms and said slowly and solemnly:

"Peace to his dust and ashes through time and eternity. Amen!"

Poor Jim? Yes, poor Jim; far away out in the Bingham forest, under the world of snow, sleeps the blue-eyed man who will always be in the great army of those who die unknown to home and friends, and who will to the end of time be among the missing. And in her comfortable Philadelphia home the patient, loving mother waits and watches for her boy, the boy who will gladden the old, tried heart and brighten the old home never again on this earth; and by-and-by she will put away the well-worn Bible and gold-bowed spectacles and lie down to sleep the sleep that rights all wrongs, heals all wounds, and gives the beloved eternal place and rest.

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Smethport, Pa., May 19, 1881.

E. H. BARD, Editor and Proprietor.

OUR FAMILY QUARREL.

The disagreement between Senator Conkling and President Garfield as to the Robertson appointment has culminated in the resignation of both the New York Senators—Conkling and Platt. When the President withdrew all the other New York nominations he indicated that there were to be no concessions made to the Senators of that State or deference paid to their wishes as its representatives. At least such appears to have been the meaning of this action and it was so interpreted. Smarting under the apparent or assumed insult to their dignity and presuming that they were to be ignored in the attitude of the administration, under present influences, toward the State they represented, they respectfully resign the unequal contest and retire from a station of great honor where their usefulness and power may be crippled.

Such seems to us to be a fair statement of the position. Whether the President or Senator Conkling is right is a question that will admit of a good deal of argument, and already a great deal of white paper has been wasted in the discussion of the subject in the daily newspapers. Most fair and reasonable Republicans will agree in the opinion that in a certain sense both are wrong and both are right. All trouble might have been avoided by the simple course of letting well enough alone and allowing Collector Merritt to serve out his term. He was a trusted, capable officer, and there was no reason for his removal in the midst of his term, unless to make a comfortable berth for a partisan favorite. The President of the United States occupies an exalted position, one replete with responsibilities and surrounded with care and tribulations. It will be observed, however, that the incumbents of this high office, who interpret that clause of the constitution referring to certain appointments being made "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate," without forgetting the advisory element of the restraining clause, have by dividing the responsibilities lessened the tribulations of their position and contributed to the general harmony and success of their administrations. We are not disposed to severely criticise the President for his determined adherence to his purpose. Yet it is not improbable that he may have made a mistake, and it is still more probable that he has submitted his better judgment to the advice of unwise counsellors (or perhaps counsellor) who were not slow to take advantage of an opportunity to humiliate a powerful political and personal antagonist. On the other hand we can but read with pain and a feeling nearly akin to disgust the hasty and sweeping censures by many able Republican papers of the action and presumed motives of Senator Conkling. The senior Senator of New York is no child, either in intellect or political sagacity. He is one of the foremost and ablest leaders of the party. Those who are so hastily condemning his present attitude and rejoicing in his apparent humiliation now have been the most grateful for his powerful services during the stress of an important campaign when the issue is considered doubtful. He has earned and deserves, if not a cordial recognition by the administration, at least a respectful hearing by his party. Republicans have a right to believe that he has not taken this step without the fullest consideration of the consequences, and without keeping in view the best interests of the party to which he has always been the most loyal.

The situation is one most painful to every Republican who wishes the success of his party and its principles. Whether the present unpleasant situation might have been avoided by wiser counsels and mutual concessions is not now a question of useful discussion in the healing of the breach. Condemnation and censure heaped upon either the President or Senator Conkling will not help the matter now. The confirmation of Judge Robertson, which took place yesterday, removes the direct issue between them. It is time the war of words should cease and more peaceful counsels prevail.

The suggestions of the Elmira *Advertiser*, (as reprinted in another column,) one of the staunchest Republican papers of that State, and a strong supporter of Robertson and the administration, seems to furnish the only solution of the difficulty compatible with the safety and harmony of the party. We believe it will accord with the wishes of all sincere friends of both the administration and the retiring Senators.

BUTTER VS. OLEOMARGARINE has become a contest which waxes warmer and warmer in New York, until its hot rivalries now antagonize men in the Legislature of that State to a degree which even the acrimonious politics of the Empire State has failed to excite. The dairymen and managers of creameries raised the first cry against the oleomargarine people, demanding that all butter made by the oleomargarine process be stampedas what it is, and not sold in market under the plea of being dairy butter. The oleomargarine people now demand a bill punishing all adulteration in dairy butter, as well as all spurious butter made and sold as purporting to be the pure article. The Legislature has bills of this character now before it, to satisfy all parties, the effect of which will be to give the public the pure article.

THERE are at present no vacancies in the clerkships or other employments under the control of the Navy Department.

THE Buffalo Pipe Line Company has sold to the Rock City Pipe Line Company all their real estate in Buffalo city, Erie and Niagara counties, for $400,000.

The Situation.

The telegraphic announcement of the resignation of Senators Conkling and Platt created the same intense excitement in Elmira as elsewhere. The universal inquiry was "Where are we now?" And that is the question to which the *Advertiser* addresses itself this morning. We shall hope to do it calmly, and in the light of reason, common sense and ultimate harmony in the party. If there be any way which will most surely lead to future peace, that is the way which ought to be pursued. If there be any way which will most surely lead to future distraction, that is the way which ought to be avoided. It is not a time for the display of passion or resentment, but eminently a time for the exercise of charity and wisdom. If there be any Republican who wants war in the party there are plenty of methods by which that can be promoted. If, on the other hand, there be any Republicans, and we have an abiding faith there are many, who want peace, there are equally ways in which that can be promoted. The *Advertiser* is for peace, and it believes that so far at least all patriotic citizens will say amen.

When the nomination of Judge Robertson for Collector was made by President Garfield the *Advertiser* promptly expressed its concurrence, with an opinion that it would and should be confirmed. That view of the case it has not since changed, and does not change it now. But the question to-day is one of a different character entirely, and involves issues and consequences which could not then be considered. The right of the President to nominate has not been and cannot be questioned. But there his duty ends. It is not within his province to go into the Senate and seek a confirmation. That branch of the work has been confided by the constitution to the absolute and unquestioned care of the Senate. Any Senator may oppose a confirmation for any reason which influences his judgment, and no man anywhere has a right to call him to account therefor. Thus far, therefore, on strictly constitutional grounds, there is no basis for fault-finding, or complaint either as to the nomination of Judge Robertson by the President, or the objections to his confirmation by Senators Conkling and Platt. All were in the line of their constitutional rights and duties, and all were equally entitled to the confidence and respect of the Republican party. Except, then, upon party grounds, and as a consequence of party customs, there has been no reason why there should be any difficulty at all. It is not the purpose of this article to discuss in that light the right or wrong of the question, further than to say that all the right has not been upon one side nor all the wrong on the other. But the fact remains that the difficulty does exist, and that the preservation of the supremacy of the Republican Party in this State, and therefore in the nation, depends on a final solution which shall quell the excitement and hold the party together. This is the first instance in the history of the government where the two senators from a State have resigned their high stations of power and influence because of a difference of this character with the President of their party, and we believe it is equally true that it is the first instance in the history of the government where a nomination thus irreconcilably repugnant to the two Senatorial representatives from any State has been adhered to with such persistent determination. We do not state this fact as a criticism on the President, for he has been entirely within the line of his constitutional rights. But it is a fact, nevertheless, and is entitled to consideration. It demonstrates also that the situation is extraordinary, and will require the intervention of both patriotism and wisdom in its solution.

It is to be assumed, and those who know the men will not doubt the fact, that the two Senators from this State have not laid down their high offices in a passion or pet. It is the result of deliberate judgment, and the outcome of an unselfish sense of duty. Whatever else men may do on such occasions they do not give up great places like these stations which are not excelled in honor and usefulness by any other on earth, for light and transient causes. Mr. Conkling and Mr. Platt accepted their positions because their honorable ambitions led them to do so, and they have laid them down because they felt that under the circumstances they could not honorably retain them. Upon a point of honor they have yielded honor and given up power. For that act, based upon such a motive, whatever may have been the judgment of any Republican as to their conduct as Senators, all must concur in respect and admiration. They are now private citizens. They are no more in official station than the humblest reader of this paper.

What shall be done now? What is the best way out? Shall the two Senators be returned to their places, or shall others be sent in their stead? Shall we enter on the shoreless sea of new complications, or shall we pick our flints and try them again? In the judgment of the *Advertiser* the right way out, and indeed the only way out, is by the re-election of the resigning Senators. There is no doubt that this will be done. It is, in our opinion, inevitable, and if meanwhile Judge Robertson shall be confirmed it seems plain that such re-election will cut the Gordian knot of trouble. At least it will be an act tending in that direction, and ought to produce that result. If it shall not it will be because there are those who would rather have war than peace. Nor will such a result be any reflection or criticism on the President. It will simply be an expression of the Republican Party of this State, through its representatives in the legislature, that in spite of unfortunate differences which have existed, and which now exist, they still retain confidence and trust in their Senators and are not willing to dispense with their services.

The President will have no ground of complaint, Judge Robertson, being confirmed; Judge Robertson being confirmed will have no ground of complaint, and Senators Conkling and Platt, with this new expression of confidence, should be happy and content. Let us, therefore, send them back to their places, let us rebuild the shattered walls of the Republican temple, let us manage our local affairs in our own way, and "Let us have Peace."—*Elmira Advertiser.*

THE army worm has appeared in Orange, N. J., in large numbers.

Cameron and Mitchell.

A Washington correspondent of the Elmira *Advertiser* furnishes that paper with the following pen picture of Pennsylvania's Senators:

In the front row of seats, on the Republican side of the Senate Chamber, sits Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania. To my thinking he is one of the handsomest men in the Senate. He is straight and slender as a Lombardy poplar and carries himself as erect as an Indian. His abundant hair is of that peculiar red-gold shade so often seen in the paintings of the old Venetian masters. The firm mouth is shaded by a long, silky moustache. The steel-gray eyes and strongly marked chin are indicative of the resolute will which his father, Gen. Simon Cameron, and himself have inherited from their staunch Scotish ancestors. Of the fofmer it has often been said "he was never known to forget a favor or was false to a friend." I am inclined to believe that the same thing can be said of his son; and surely no man need ask for higher praise.

Senator Mitchell, the newly elected Republican Senator from Pennsylvania, is just now "the observed of all observers," especially by the visitors from the Keystone State. One of the doorkeepers assured me that no Senator received more calls and cards than had Mr. Mitchell during the present session of the Senate. A method of showing attention and respect that I opine Senator Mitchell would willingly dispense with. But then one of the penalties of greatness, in the Congress of the United States, is this same shower of paste boards, "from your constituents, you know."

Mr. Mitchell's election was quite as much of a surprise to himself as to his friends. In fact, like Lord Byron, "he woke up one morning and found himself famous." His election was preceded by a fierce and hotly-contested battle between opposing factions of the Republican party, which threatened to destroy its unity and harmony in the grand old Commonwealth. It was with a jubilant sense of satisfaction that all who desired the prosperity of true Republicanism, heard the glad tidings that the choice had fallen on one whose integrity of purpose in the past was a guaranty of his fidelity in the future. A certain sturdy self-reliance of character inspired confidence, which his straightforward course as a Republican in Congress had strengthened. Mr. Mitchell has a fine physique. His complexion is fair and ruddy. He has abundant brown hair, which he disarranges by running his fingers through it when laboring under excitement. His kindly blue eyes and magnetic smile are sure to win confidence and set the fluttering heart of the office-seeker at ease. In justice to himself, Mr. Mitchell ought to make a holocaust of several photographers and engravers; for the pictures that are called portraits, are positive caricatures. Not one of them looks half as well as he does. No Senator ever entered upon his responsible duties who more fully possessed the admiring regards of his constituents.

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BY VIRTUE of a writ of ALIAS FI. FA. issued out of the court of Common Pleas of McKean Co., to me directed, I have levied upon and taken in execution all the right, title, interest and claim which Thomas Sweet had on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1880, at 10 o'clock, a. m., or at any time subsequent thereto, of, in and to all that certain lot No. 41 of U. L. A. Bingham's addition of Duke Centre Borough, McKean county, Pennsylvania, made by L. C. Curtiss, surveyor, in 1878, being thirty-three (33) feet front and one hundred (100) feet deep, being same lot deeded by I. A. Bunker and wife to O. H. Gray, having thereon erected one two story building with wing attached.

And that certain lot No. 42 of U. L. A. Bingham's addition of Duke Centre Borough, McKean county, Pennsylvania, made by L. C. Curtiss, surveyor, in 1878, being thirty-three (33) feet front and one hundred (100) feet deep, being same lot deeded by I. A. Bunker and wife to O. H. Gray, having thereon erected one two story building with wing attached.

And all the estate, right, title and interest of the said defendant, Thomas Sweet, of, in and to the above described premises, at the time the same were taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Charles A. Swartzfager at the suit of J. W. Humphrey.

E. BARTWELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 4, 1881.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean Co. to me directed, I have levied upon the following-described leasehold estate to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 23d day of May, A. D. 1881, at one o'clock, p. m.:

The defendant's interest in and to that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Smethport, McKean county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post standing four (4) perches south and seven (7) perches east from the southwest corner of Square No. 74, in said Borough, and said post being the northeast corner of lands of Agnes King; thence east six and five-tenths (6.5) perches to a post corner; thence south ten (10) perches to a post corner; thence west six and five-tenths (6.5) perches to a post corner; thence north ten (10) perches to the place of beginning containing sixty-five (65) square perches, strict measure, be the same, and being part of outlot No. 13, in the general plot of said Borough, having thereon erected one two story frame dwelling house, porch in front, additions in rear, wood out-house, with several fruit and shade trees.

Seized, taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of D. C. Gallup at the suit of O. W. Gallup.

E. BARTWELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 4th, A. D., 1881.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Levari Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, to me directed, I have levied upon the following described real estate which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 23d day of May, A. D. 1881, at one o'clock, p. m.

That certain piece of land in Bradford Borough, McKean county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point in the south side of the Public Square in said Borough at the east line of Mechanic street, from the north east corner of lot of the Oak Shade Oil Company; thence west along the south side of said Public Square twenty feet to a post; thence south by a line parallel with the east line of said Oak Shade Oil Company lot one hundred feet to a post; thence east on a line parallel with the said south line of said Public Square, twenty feet to a post, thence north one hundred feet to a post in the place of beginning, containing 2,000 square feet and having thereon erected a certain hotel building known as the Bradford House.

AND ALSO—The following piece of land situate in said Borough of Bradford, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point about nine (9) feet south from the northeast corner of the Bradford House, situate on the south side of the Public Square; thence southerly by a line parallel with the east side of Mechanic street, twenty-six feet and ten inches to a post; thence easterly forty-six feet to a post; thence northerly and parallel with said east line of Mechanic street, twenty-six feet ten inches to a post; thence westerly forty-six feet to the place of beginning.

Seized, taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Margaret D. Fenno at the suit of A. H. Barchard, for the use of W. W. Nauer, now for use of W. F. Bond.

E. BARTWELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., May 4th, A. D. 1881.

BY VIRTUE of an alias writ of *Fi. Fa.* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, to me directed, I have levied upon the following-described real estate, to wit: which I shall expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 23d day of May, A. D. 1881, at one o'clock, p. m.:

All the defendant's interest in and to the following described tracts of land situate in the Township of Eldred, Liberty, Keating and Annin, McKean county, Pennsylvania: Warrant No. 6126, situate in Eldred Township, bounded north by warrant No. 4223, east by lands patented by Allen H. Martin, south by warrant No. 5426, and west by warrants Nos. 97, 98 and 5402, and containing five hundred and ninety acres and allowance of six per cent. for roads.

Also—Warrant No. 6128, situate in Eldred, Keating and Annin townships. Bounded north by warrants Nos. 344 and 345, on the east by warrants Nos. 338 and 113, on the south by lands patented by John Keating, Esq., July 17, 1843, not numbered, and on the west by warrant No. 744, containing 153 acres and allowance unimproved.

Also—Warrant No. 6131, in Liberty township. Bounded north by vacant lands, east by warrant No. 72, south by warrant No. 5403, and west by warrant No. 5402, and containing one hundred and forty-eight and four-tenths acres and allowance unimproved.

Also—A tract situate in Keating and Annin township. Bounded north by warrants Nos. 344, 6122, 114 and 15, east by warrants Nos. 113 and 15, south by No. 1826, and west by warrant No. 3866, containing five hundred acres and allowance, patented by John Keating, Esq., July 17, 1841, unimproved.

Also—A tract situate in Liberty township. Bounded north and east by warrant No. 6, south by warrant No. 6121, and west by warrant No. 3873, containing one hundred and seventy-four acres and allowance, patented by John Keating, Esq., in 1843, unimproved.

Also—A tract in Annin township, not numbered. Bounded north and east by warrant No. 15, on the south by warrant No. 5430, and on the west by warrant No. 1826, containing three hundred acres and allowance, patented by John Keating, Esq., on March 10th, 1846, unimproved.

Also—A tract situate in Liberty township. Bounded north by warrant No. 1197, east by warrant No. 1295, south by warrant No. 5405, and west by warrant No. 7675, containing three hundred and thirty-six and three-tenths acres and allowance, patented by John Keating, Esq., March 10th, 1846, unimproved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of William K. King, at the suit of John S. Mann now use of Arthur S. Mann.

E. BARTWELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, Smethport, Pa., May 4th, A. D. 1881.

Court Proclamation.

The Hon HENRY W. WILLIAMS, President Judge, and the Hons. W. S. MCDOWELL and F. X. BURNHAM, Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, by Judges' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the county of McKean, have issued their precepts, bearing date Friday, April 15, 1881, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans Court, and Court of Common Pleas, in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 23d day of May, A. D., 1881, and to continue one week.

Notice is therefore hereby given to Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables, within the county that they be then and there in their proper person at 1 o'clock, p. m., of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizances to prosecute the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of said County of McKean are to be then and there to prosecute against them as well as just.

Dated at Smethport, Apr. 26, 1881, and the 105th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

E. BARTWELL, Sheriff.

List of Traverse Jurors

Drawn for Court of Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer of McKean County, to be Summoned for May Term, 1881.

Abbey, Augustus, Liberty Township.
Andrews, J. L. Bradford City.
Allen, L. B. Hartford City.
Boyd, A. M. Duke Centre Borough.
Bush, Silas, Smethport Borough.
Barrett, Gardner, Keating Township.
Bailey, H. C., Bradford City.
Barrett, Cyrus, Smethport Borough.
Boggs, T. W., Bradford Township.
Bresler, James, Bradford City.
Brown, John, Bradford City.
Bailey, T. Bradford Township.
Barbanan, A. W. Foster Township.
Barnes, Samuel, Hamlin Township.
Coleman, Frank, Liberty Township.
Colvin, T. J. Corydon Township.
Chadwick, Jerry, Keating Township.
Clark, M. C., Bradford City.
Cutting, O. C. Bradford Township.
Childs, M. E. Hamlin Township.
Detloff, H. E. Foster Township.
Elgut, Jacob, Keating Township.
Dale, John, Corn Township.
Davis, Frank, Bradford City.
Evans, S. W. Keystone Township.
Farris, M. D., Keating Township.
Fortner, A. H. Liberty Township.
Hafner, Wm. Hamlin Township.
Handrahan, Michael, Lafayette Township.
Hovey, A. C. Corn Township.
Hutchinson, Lemuel, Lafayette Township.
Hackett, Albert, Keating Township.
Hatfield, David, Bradford Township.
Harwood, Charles, Eldred Township.
Hatch, Wm. Bradford Township.
Hayden, S. Annin Township.
Karlson, Peter, Wetmore Township.
Lamphere, Winfield, Corn Township.
Mann, Frank, Smethport Borough.
McElwaine, J. B. Duke Centre Borough.
Norton, J. B. Kendall Borough.
Provost, Benjamin, Eldred Township.
Roberts, C. E. Annin Township.
Spiller, M. G. Otto Township.
Shoemaker, J. H. Otto Township.
Schmalle, M. H. Kendall Borough.
Spencer, O. F. Kendall Borough.
Thomas, M. M. Otto Township.

E. BARTWELL, Sheriff.
O. F. ODDEN, } Jury
H. C. GALLUP, } Commrs.

ATTEST:
JNO. R. SHOEMAKER, Clerk.

Application for Pardon.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Application will be made before the Board of Pardons at its next meeting for the Pardon of Robert Potter who was convicted as a court of Oyer and Terminer held in McKean County Pa. in April, 1880, and sentenced to Imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for the term of eight years.

E. L. GLEASON,
Atty for Robt. Potter.

LEGAL.

Argument List.

COMMENCING MONDAY, MAY 23, 1881.

1 G L Bagley vs E H Goss; No 141 September term 1880; rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence, writ of Fi Fa to-day in hands of Sheriff.

2 Katherine L Wyman vs Bartlett, Haney & Co; No 206 May term 1880; motion to dissolve attachment.

3 O G Crandall, plaintiff in error vs J C Hamilton and A B Armstrong, assignees of I. Hoover, defendant in error; No 647 September term 1880; certiorari.

4 Florence Rice vs E Kelley et al; No 680 September term 1879; Rule on plaintiff to show cause why this judgment should not be marked satisfied.

5 Moore Bros vs John A Todd; No 200 February term 1880; motion for judgment for want of a sufficient affidavit of defence.

6 D C Mitchell vs J F Thompson; No 616 September term 1880; rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence.

7 The Prudential Insurance Company vs A L Burnell; No 303 September term 1880; rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence.

8 James E Blair vs The Commissioners of McKean County; No 636 September term 1880; appeal by plaintiff from assessment made by County Commissioners.

9 Isaac Pike vs Commissioners of McKean County; No 639 September term 1880. Appeal by plaintiff from assessment made by County Commissioners.

10 Harlow and Orlando Pike vs Commissioners of McKean County; No 640 September term 1880; appeal by plaintiff from assessment of County Commissioners.

11 In the matter of the petition for a road from the public road to the Turtle Point railroad station. And now hearing, rule to show cause why the proceedings should not be set aside and the order issued vacated.

12 Patrick Maxey and wife vs Joe Matthewsey; No 285 December term 1879; rule to show cause why order made in regard to Bye scrow of lease should not be vacated.

13 Ferdinand Rubsamen, assignee, vs Andrew Duffie Lechner et al; No 305 June term 1879, rule to show cause why judgment should not be entered for want of a sufficient affidavit of defence.

14 L Emery vs F Parker; No 281 December term 1880, rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened etc.

15 Maxwell Gibson vs L Vance; No 61 February term 1881, rule to show cause why appeal should not be stricken off.

16 Andrew Cottell and K G Mitchell vs Frank A Hazard; No 151 May term 1880; rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence.

17 John A Butterfield plaintiff in error vs W S Saunders defendant in error; No 470 September term 1880; certiorari.

18 J W Mitchell vs James S Patterson; No 55 June term 1879, rule to show cause why new trial should not be granted.

19 A C Kurtz vs the Kendall & Eldred railroad company; No 139 December term 1880; certiorari.

20 E E Carson vs H Morley; No 98 February term 1881; rule to show cause why the proceedings shall not stay for six hundred and seventy-five dollars of the judgment, proceedings to stay in meantime.

21 C Jaffrey & Co vs DeForest Weid; No 81 May term 1881, rule to show cause why attachment should not be dissolved.

22 Executors of the Estate of A N Taylor deceased vs Bradford township; No 56 September term 1877; rule to show cause why township should not levy a tax to pay above entitled judgment.

23 In the matter of the estate of Joseph Kary deceased rule to show cause why letters of administration shall not be revoked.

24 M L Green plaintiff in error vs Michael Marck; No 488 February term 1881; certiorari.

25 Mary J Barker vs John J Roberts; No 39 December term 1879; rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened.

26 Clara Buell and Billy Buell vs A P Carter, John J Roberts, jr. et al; No 73 June term 1879; rule to show cause why plaintiffs should not give security for costs.

27 Use of T B Farnham vs Christiana Schwenk; No 79 February term 1878; rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence.

28 Mary Houghtaling vs Smith & Harding; No 178 June term 1878; rule to show cause why plaintiff should not give security for costs.

29 Henry Armstrong vs Smith & Armstrong; No 174 June term 1880; rule to show cause why plaintiff should not give security for costs.

30 Keith V Bunnell by her next friend Nelson Morrell vs George T Bunnell; No 426 September term 1879; rule to show cause why action should not be dismissed with costs and defendant let into a defence.

31 A H Barchard use of T H Farnham vs Margaret D Fenno; No 607 December term 1879; rule to show cause why entry of judgment in this case should not be amended.

32 H G Tinker & Co vs A Heller; No 581 May term 1880; rule to show cause why new trial should not be granted.

33 Benjamin Dikeman vs George Leipold; No 388 May term 1880, rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence, proceedings to stay in the meantime.

34 E V Dikeman by her next friend vs Benjamin Dikeman; No 340 September term 1880, rule to show cause why decree in divorce in above case should not be vacated.

35 A C McConnell vs John Metcalf; No 16 December term 1880, rule to show cause why new trial should not be granted.

36 Ferdinand Rubsamen, assignee, vs Andrew Duffie Lechner et al; No 305 June term 1879, rule to show cause why judgment should not be entered for want of a sufficient affidavit of defence.

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40 J B Hamilton vs O H Montgomery and Wm Chesebrough; No 141 May term 1881, rule to show cause why judgment should not be stricken off or opened and defendant let into a defence.

41 N D Preston vs S Solomon; No 116 May term 1881, rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence.

42 J S Whitcomb vs H Wilcox and McAbey warners and Belmont; A Range constructors; No 19 May term 1881. Rule to show cause why mechanics' lien should not be stricken off.

43 J J Stambrook now use of V Butler vs C H Collins; No 179 May term 1881. Rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence, pro-ceedings to stay in meantime.

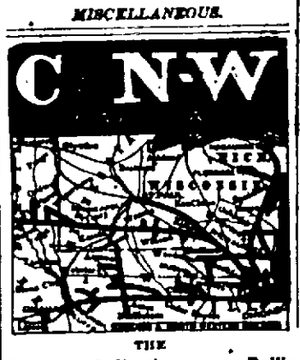
44 P H Jones and Thomas Brown surviving partners doing business under the name of P Brown, Jones & Co vs John C Merritt; No 84 May term 1881. Rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and defendant let into a defence.

45 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs Thos McKeon; No 60 December sessions 1880. Rule to show cause why the Recognizance of E D Norris and the defendant included should not be remitted.

46 Commonwealth vs Robert Shaw. No 31 December sessions 1880. Rule to show cause in arrest of judgment and why verdict should not be set aside.

47 In the matter of the road from Wm Patton to Skinner Creek road. Rule to show cause why order of confirmation and report of viewers should not be set aside.

MISCELLANEOUS.



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Orphans' Court Sale.

ESTATE OF JAMES TAYLOR, DECEASED.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of McKean county, to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, on Friday the 6th day of May, 1881, the following piece or parcel of land situate in Wetmore township in said county: Part of unseated land numbered 1199 across in sub-division No. 213, of Warrant No. 5482.

Terms of sale—Cash on confirmation.

LOUISA T. MAINHART,
Administratrix.

20-3t.

Land Office of the Bingham Estate.

WILLIAMSONIA, Penn'a, Feb'y 26, 1879.

All persons are here hereby cautioned against going upon the unsold lands of this estate without proper authority therefor. An unauthorized entry upon the lands of the estate, by any person or for any purpose will make such person or persons liable to prosecuting for trespass.

Persons who have bought or leased lands of this estate have deeds, contracts, or leases. The deeds give exact descriptions of the lands to which they refer, and the contracts and leases have on them drafts which show their locations. All claims to rights or privileges on lands of this estate, unaccompanied by such evidences, are without foundation, and will not be recognized.

ROBT. C. SIMPSON,
(v16-6m[17.]) Agent of the Trustees.

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18-tf. H. L. WILSON.

Notice.

To the Stockholders of the Bradford & Kendall Railway Company.

A special meeting will be held at the office of the company on Saturday, May 21st, 1881, at one (1) o'clock p. m., for the purpose of obtaining a Board of Directors and to transact such other business as may come before said meeting.

By order of the Board.

C. A. KIRBY, Pres't.

BRADFORD, Pa., April 16, 1881. 16-3t

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THE McKEAN MINER.

Smethport, Pa., May 19, 1881.

HERE AND HEREABOUTS.

Wall paper at Specht & Sease's. 19-tf.

Nobby neck wear at Haskill & Son's.

Court is light this week—very small attendance.

Every variety and style of wall paper at Specht & Sease's. 19-tf.

Call at Haskill & Son's for all the latest novelties.

Ladies' light colored sacques at Wm. Haskill & Son's.

Gents' Lisle thread and gauze underwear at Haskill & Son's.

Mrs. Elias Shurtz, of Port Allegany, is visiting friends in town.

Haskill & Son sell the S. C. H. corset which they warrant to suit.

J. K. Odell has moved into his new house at the north end of town.

Owing to poor health Judge Burnham is unable to attend court this week.

William H. Vanderbilt has been purchasing some choice horses in Potter county.

Wm. Haskill & Son are selling the best clothing in town; call and be convinced.

Remember Wm. Haskill & Son keep the largest and best line of choice family groceries.

Hon. S. F. Wilson is holding court this week. He is assisted by Associate Brownell.

Episcopal Church service at Farmer's Valley on Sunday next, 22d inst., at 3 o'clock p. m.

The side-walk from King & Gifford's to Armstrong's drug store has been rebuilt and is now passable.

If you are in need of wall paper do not forget that Specht & Sease have just received an immense stock. 19-tf

The Catholic fair is in progress at the Opera House this week. A nice dance was given last night.

Rev. W. B. Wagoner will preach at the Eben Gallup school-house, next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Now is the time to buy your wife a nice sewing machine. Call at Haskill & Son's and see the "New Home."

The Donaldson company will be at the Kittredge Opera House on the 26, 27, and 28, the last three nights of next week.

Mr. Geo. Lemmler, of Boston, Erie Co., N. Y., is spending a few days in town visiting his sons, Jacob and Charley.

W. W. Brown, R. B. Stone, N. B. Smiley and W. B. Chapman are among the Bradford lawyers attending court this week.

We call attention of contractors and builders to the advertisement in another column for fixing over the M. E. church in this borough.

On account of the large increase of trade and business, King & Gifford have been compelled to add another clerk to their establishment.

Only one man in nine hundred and ninety-nine is mean enough to slyly put a long blonde hair on the shoulder of a man whose wife is a brunette.

The narrow gauge railroad company are building a dwelling house near their depot in this borough. It will be occupied by the section boss, Mr. McGavish.

George Ogilvie has commenced to run his meat wagon again and will supply families with meat at the door. George is a fair dealer and sells meat cheap.

Mr. J. Davis, of the firm of Irlbacker & Davis, of Buffalo, spent a day or two in town this week looking after the plumbing in Mr. Reilly's hotel. His friends here hope for more frequent visits.

Mr. Frank O. Wright has bought the livery stables of Ford R. Knapp and will run the 'bus' line to and from the depot on regular time. Frank is an experienced hand in the business and will be pleased to furnish good rigs to all who may wish them.

Detective Morrell brought William and Robert Harms over from Bradford yesterday and lodged them in jail. They were implicated in a highway robbery case near Tarport, and after a hearing before Alderman McClure, of Bradford, were committed, being unable to furnish bail.

The Donaldson Combination which appeared here on the evenings of May 6 and 7, will return again May 26, 27 and 28, when they will interest the theatre goers of this vicinity with the pleasing play entitled the "Bankers Daughter." The Donaldson's are an excellent company and will no doubt draw a large concourse of people.

Now that small-pox exists in the county would it not be well for every person who has not already recently been vaccinated to attend to this important duty at once? It is a sacred duty every man owes to himself and family to see that this matter is attended to and thus impede as far as possible the fatal results of this horrid disease.

Within a few years the exportation of dried apples from this country to France has enormously increased. It is now said that a considerable part of this useful product comes back in the form of Normandy cider and light claret. Late frosts are reported to have injured the French apple crop, and of course this country will be expected to supply the deficiency, in accordance with its usual custom of providing for the world's waste.

—Vernor is after us again, and as a consequence the past few days have been cold and disagreeable. That old Canadian does like to see humanity shiver the best of any fellow we now think of.

—Hon. James G. Blaine has purchased fifty-five acres of coal land in Forward township, Washington county, at ninety dollars per acre. Mr. Blaine already owned large coal properties in Washington county.

—The finest laces, embroideries and gents' furnishing goods in town can be found at the store of H. W. Rubin. He sells this class of goods very cheap, and people in need of them will find it an object to buy them of him.

—Owen Coyle, who has had charge of Arnold & Dolley's mill at Port Allegany for a long time has been engaged by Buckwalter & Taggart and will hereafter have charge of their mill at Emporium. Lon. Barnaby takes Coyle's place at Port Allegany.

—Mr. Joseph Post, of Bradford, was in town this week. He is getting up a grand parade for Decoration day, and has the matter fully worked up so that success is assured. We shall speak of the matter more fully next week.

—We stated last week that the old Williams farm on the south side of the creek, had been sold to Gen. Hamar. We understand since that Mr. Hamar has "reconsidered," or in other words "backed out," thus leaving the property in the market or for rent.

—"Why should a red cow give white milk?" was the subject for discussion in a suburban agricultural club. After an hour's debate, the secretary of the meeting was instructed to milk the cow, and bring in a decision according to the merits of the milk. It was blue.

—Alfred Sturdevint's new barber shop, between King & Gifford's and W. D. Gallup's stores, is fast approaching completion, and when finished will be one of the nicest shops in the country. The veteran Richard will dispense his tonsorial skill over one of the chairs.

—The woman who can lift a boiler full of hot water off the stove and step on the cat while doing it, without scalding herself or the cat, exhibits a self-reliance and presence of mind which makes Cæsar's campaigns and Thermopylæ look sick, and Napoleon dwindles to a thing unworthy of a place in history.

—"Fence board advertisements," observed a neighbor, "are well enough as landscape adornments but if you are desirous of purchasing an article it is easier and more convenient to look through the columns of a newspaper to see who has it for sale than it is to 'hook up' a team and drive around the country reading fences."

—H. W. Rubin has just placed in his store a very elegant line of jewelry and silverware. His show cases and shelves fairly groan under the weight of the new goods with which they are filled. Watches, clocks, chains, and every article usually kept at a first-class jewelry store can be found in abundance at Rubin's, and an inspection of his stock will convince all that there is the place to buy.

—We are about to revise our subscription list and all who are more than a year in arrears will be stricken from the list and their accounts placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. Our terms are $1.50 in advance, when not paid in advance an additional sum of fifty cents will be charged. We have to pay cash for paper and in return we must have cash in order to keep the ball rolling.

—Here is a good recipe for killing a town; "Underrate every present and prospective enterprise; speak ill of the churches and schools; tell everybody the hotels are bad; enlarge the vices of the people; withhold patronage from your merchants and tradesmen, and buy your goods and groceries at some other place; never subscribe for your local paper, and if you are in business refuse to advertise.

—Mr. W. L. Alexander met with a serious accident on Wednesday of last week. While engaged in placing the steps in front of the Court House, the scaffolding fell upon his leg driving a sliver into it just below the knee, which had to be cut out. Fears were apprehended for a while that the limb would have to be amputated, but just now he seems to be slightly improving, and possibly may recover the use of that useful member of the anatomy.

—Tuesday evening an accident happened at the Opera House which might have proved a disastrious blow to Smethport, only for the coolness and promptness of a few of the attendants at the fair. The large and handsome chandelier, holding some sixteen lamps, fell to the floor smashing the lamps and setting fire to the oil. It was a miraculous escape for the Opera House indeed. The weight of the chandelier was so great it would not turn on the swivel, it being customary to turn it around when lighting the lamps, but unscrewed where it was connected above the ceiling thus letting the massive iron ornament fall to the floor crushing it to pieces. Luckily there were very few people in attendance at the time. It was in the early part of the evening, or the affair might have terminated mostseriously. Father Smith and Father Gallagher were somewhat disturbed as they were standing very near the centre of the hall when the chandelier fell.

—Potter county has a female Superintendent of Schools, Miss Mary Buckbee of Shingle House. During her canvass for the position some of her opponents became exceedingly and suddenly solicitous for her welfare, fearing the duties of the office would be too much for the tender female mould. A correspondent of the Potter *Journal* very truely says: "I am very happy to congratulate Miss Buckbee on her success in the recent lively campaign and its happy termination. It does beat all how solicitous all those people grew for her physical welfare. She might have taken in washing till she broke her back and worn her knuckles to the bone, or sewed till she spoiled her pretty eyes and died with consumption, and no man would have recognized the fact by so much as one sling of ink, but when it comes to driving a horse and riding around the county to the tune of one thousand dollars per year, a wall of consumption breaks from the lips of every old fogy."

—Dr. I. M. Raub, is at the Wright House, attending to the wants of those in need of his dental services. The Doctor is one of the most successful dentists in the country and his work will compare favorably with the best made. We were shown a sample of it and although not pretending to be a very competent judge of this class of work we could not help pronouncing it first-class, and we think it is. Raub has the reputation of fully understanding his business and we think all will concede that he does.

—We call attention to the advertisement of Irlbacker & Davis, which appears in this paper. This firm, which is located in Buffalo, represents the leading plumbing, steam and gas fitting house in Western New York. They do more and better work than any other firm in that end of the State. They have a branch house at Olean upon which heavy demands are made. The plumbing, &c., for Reilly's hotel in Smethport was done by Irlbacker & Davis and we ask an inspection of the work. Persons wishing anything in their line will find it to their advantage to deal with this popular firm.

—An important decision was delivered by Judge Church, of Meadville, last Tuesday, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ex. re. Elias H. Allen, against the School Directors of the city of Meadville. The plaintiff is a negro having children of proper age to be admitted to the public schools of the city, but who were refused admission. The plaintiff applied for a writ of mandamus against the directors to compel their admission. The directors, the respondents, answered that the plaintiff's children were negroes, and by section 21 of the act of Assembly of May 8, 1854, the Board of Control having established a separate school for negro and mulatto children in their district, they were not compelled to admit them into the schools where white children are. The Court in an elaborate and learned opinion held that the 21st section of the act of 1854 was in violation of the 13th and 14th amendments of the United States Constitution, and hence unconstitutional and void. A peremptory mandamus was ordered to be issued requiring and commanding the respondents to admit the minor children of the plaintiff into school. This is the first case of the kind decided in this State, other judges having evaded the main issue.

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Nasby in Europe.

Petroleum V. Nasby proposes to "do" Europe, and will write a series of letters for the (Toledo, O.) *Weekly Blade* commencing this month. He will undoubtedly give the American public some rich reading. The *Weekly Blade* will be sent to any address three months for 50 cents, including an elegant large portrait of D. R. Locke (Nasby). See advertisement in another column.

Errata.

On the fourth page of this paper appears an article headed "Heavy Railroad Profits" in which the dividends of the narrow gauge roads of this section are given, and which contains so many errors that a correction of them is necessary. The O. B. & W. company had a surplus of $18,367,78 on hand at the end of the year instead of $1,836,778 as the article states. The K. & E. company's plank road cost $11,766.59, and at end of the year the company had a surplus of $25,531.50. The Bradford, Bordell and Smethport road had a surplus of $26,519.89 on hand at the end of the year.

Not Afraid of Small-Pox.

Quite a breeze was caused in Court at Smethport, yesterday, by an incident which was a little out of the usual run. N. B. Smiley, Esq., asked the Court if it would excuse R. A. Dempsey, a traverse juror drawn from Custer City. The Court wanted to know on what ground. The attorney, thinking he had a sure thing, said mainly because he is from Custer, which is overrun with small pox. "We are not afraid of small pox," said the Court, while a thrill of horror ran through the audience in the court room. The attorney was nonplussed, but was gratified when the Judge allowed the juror to be excused.—*Star.*

In Memoriam.

At a regular meeting of Post 141, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Bradford, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Him who gave to take away our late comrade, N. A. Ostrander, and

WHEREAS, In his death which took place at Smethport, on the sixth day of May, we sustained the loss of a brave soldier, a true friend and a faithful comrade, therefore be it

Resolved, That Post 141, Dept. of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., tender its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our late comrade and their late son and brother.

Resolved, That the life of our late comrade was such as to call forth the esteem and respect of all who knew him, and that in dying he left a fitting example for our emulation.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and published in the Bradford *Evening Star* and the Bradford *Daily Era*, and that the charter be draped in black for thirty days.

W. M. BOOCH,
H. A. PAUL,
D. GARDINER.

The Northern Counties.

Capitalists are turning their attention to the northern tier of counties and find good investments. The great wealth of this region—coal, lumber, and the immenses oil interests, necessitates the building of railroads, and several projects are now on foot and will soon be carried out. A narrow guage road will be built at once from Wellsville, N. Y., to Eldred, giving direct communication from Wellsville with Warren (O. B. & W. extension will soon be completed) making the shortest and most direct route from Pittsburgh to Wellsville. The Rochester, Hornda and Pittsburgh Road is almost certain to be built, and will run through McKean and Elk, crossing the P. & E. Road at Ridgway, thence to Pittsburgh—opening up the valuable coal fields of Elk county. Several other Railroad projects are being talked up, and the so-called "wild-cat" region will soon become densely populated, and the varied industries will make this one of the busiest sections of Pennsylvania.—*Cameron County Press.*

Oyer and Terminer Court.

List of cases set down for trial at the regular Court of Oyer and Terminer, commencing at Smethport, Monday, May 23d, and continuing one week:

Commonwealth vs. A. Dolliver and Robert Harmes; No. 33, September Sessions, 1880; selling liquor without license; A. J. Bunker, prosecutor.

Same vs. A. Dolliver and Robert Harmes; No. 233, September Sessions, 1880; Keeping a disorderly house; A. J. Bunker, prosecutor.

Same vs. A. Dolliver and Robert Harmes; No. 237, September Sessions, 1880; selling liquor on Sunday; A. J. Bunker, prosecutor.

Same vs. J. A. Stillwell; No. 6, December Sessions, 1880; false pretences; J. A. Thompson, prosecutor.

Same vs. Sarah Robertson; No. 31, December Sessions, 1880; threats and surety of peace; Mrs. Emma Delmage, prosecutor.

Same vs. Thomas Sexsmith and James Farrell; No. 57, December Sessions, 1880; larceny of pocket-book and contents; Wm. C. Holahan, prosecutor.

Same vs. Cornelius Riley; No. 81, December Sessions, 1880; malicious cutting timber trees; J. W. Allen, prosecutor.

Same vs. Mamey Kelly; No. 85, December Sessions, 1880, threats and surety peace; Matilda Kelley, prosecutor.

Same vs. Geo. H. Dunmick; No. 96, December Sessions, 1880, embezzlement; J. Long, prosecutor.

Same vs. Jennie Smith and A. Knowles; No. 45, December Sessions, 1880, keeping bawdy house; Constable's return.

Same vs. Emily Talgram; No. 148, December Sessions, 1880; keeping bawdy house; Constable's return.

Same vs. W. R. Lester; No. 25, February Sessions, 1881; malicious libel; A. Smith, prosecutor.

Same vs. Pat McMahan; No. 31, February Sessions, 1881, assault and battery; Ed Bennett, prosecutor.

Same vs. E. N. Crandall; No. 54, February Sessions, 1881, false pretenses; D. S. Johnson, prosecutor.

Same vs. Chris. McCarty; No. 106, February Sessions, 1881; selling liquor without license.

Other cases will also be tried where indictments may be returned by the Grand Jury during the same week.

A Toad in a Woman's Stomach.

A very remarkable but successful case of medical treatment is reported by the Utica *Observer*. Four years ago Mrs. George Potter, of that city, lived in Kansas. At that time, while drinking water, she felt some small animal pass down her throat, and immediately tried by various means to eject it from her stomach, but without avail. As that country was thickly infested with snakes she imagined it to be one of these reptiles. Shortly afterwards she began to grow fleshy, and had frequent fits and symptoms of apoplexy. Subsequently Mrs Potter removed to Utica. During these four years her sufferings have continually increased, she in the meantime being treated by many different physicians, the last being Dr. C. E. Crane, of that city. The poor woman could feel the animal moving in her stomach, and Dr. Crane's first efforts were towards feeding it something to kill it. This he was successful in doing about three weeks ago, after which it began to be acted upon by the juices of the stomach, and on Saturday yielded to the medicines administered, passed naturally through the intestines, and the patient was instantly relieved. The animal proved to be a toad, which had grown to full size since she had swallowed it, during which time Mrs. Potter's appetite had been insatiable. Naturally enough, she is a most happy woman, her complete recovery being assured. Dr. Crane has the toad preserved in alcohol, as one of the most remarkable curiosities found in medical practice.

Died at Coryville.

Died at Coryville, May 18th, of scarlet fever, Isabella, daughter of J. C. & Henrietta Stull, aged two years and eight months.

This is the third and last child that has died within a short time of that fatal disease—diptheria and scarlet fever.

At the same place and same day, of scarlet fever and diptheria, Warley, G., aged about four years, son of J. T. & Charity Kent, after several weeks lingering in great misery, losing both sight and hearing from the effects of the disease, some days before death relieved him of his sufferings. He often requested his parents to have a light lit because it was so dark, not realizing his sad situation. C.

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DIED.

DIED—In East Smethport, on the 9th of May, Maud E., the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith, aged seven years and ten months.

DIED—At Hamlin, May 13th, 1881, Nora Mabel, daughter of Jonathan and Martha J. Farren, aged 8 months, and 26 days.

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Court Proclamation.

The Hon. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, President Judge, and the Hons. W. K. BRUSWELL and F. E. BURNHAM, Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the county of McKean, have fixed their precepts, bearing date Friday, April 15, 1881, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas, at the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 6th day of June, 1881, and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport, April 25, 1881, and the 105th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

E. SARTWELL, Sheriff.

List of Grand Jurors.

Drawn for Court of Quarter Sessions of McKean County, to be Summoned for May Term, 1881.

Alford, E. H., Annin Township.
Barhamus, R. L., Foster Township.
Beatty, John, Bradford Township.
Bauer, A. A., Corydon Township.
Chadwick, C. E., Keating Township.
Campbell, James, Wetmore Township.
Colegrove, S. D., Norwich Township.
Downing, James, Corydon Township.
Fowler, Frank, Bradford City.
Farley, Frank, Corydon Township.
Griffin, M. M., Liberty Township.
Gregg, William, Bradford City.
Knapp, Ford, Smethport Borough.
Maxwell, A. W., Corydon Township.
McCluey, Eugene, Annin Township.
Nicholson, Calvin, Hamilton Township.
Olds, F. C., Keating Township.
Potts, John, Bradford City.
Pike, George, Bradford Township.
Ramer, William, Smethport Borough.
Smith, Elmer, Annin Township.
Shakeley, S. R., Duke Center Borough.
Taylor, E., Bradford City.
Unger, Lewis, Otto Township.

E. SARTWELL, Sheriff.
O. P. COOK, } Jury
E. C. GALLUP, } Com'rs.

ATTEST: JNO. E. SHOEMAKER, Clerk.

Register's Notice.

ADMINISTRATOR'S, EXECUTOR'S AND Guardian Accounts having been filed, passed and allowed in Office of the Register of same, will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court of said County, to be held at Smethport, Pa., on the Fourth Monday of May, A. D. 1881, viz:

First and partial account of C. W. Foster, one of the Executors of the Last Will and Testament of David E. Foster, late of Bradford township, McKean County, Pa., deceased.

First and Final Account of Lizzie Caufield, Administratrix, and F. Marion Moher, Administrator of the Estate of Samuel A. Caufield, late of Eldred township, McKean County, Pa., deceased.

First and Final Account of Benjamin Bunker, Guardian of Emma E. Mills, minor child of William J. Mills, late of Otto township, McKean County, Pa., deceased.

Final account of Hannah Peabody and Frank Ely Smith, Executors of Estate of Henry Smith, late of Crosstownship, deceased. 20-4t

Financial Statement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CERES Township, April 25d, 1881.:

ASSETS.

Am't due from late Supervisor Grove Special road	$ 25 00
Am't due from late Supervisor Hagins Special road	60 00
Uncollected tax for 1880, about	20 25
Returned to Co. Com'rs from assess	11 25
Liabilities over assets	228 51
	$ 385 01

LIABILITIES.

Judg't favor of W. L. Hyde, estimated	$ 25 00
Am't due Weston Bros. Apr. 12, 1880	36 77
Order given D. Morse	19 98
Order given John Prague	23 77
Order given O. T. Cooper	26 62
Order given Gen. Wilcox	21 50
Order given D. McKay	20 00
Order given Gen. Wilcox	20 00
Order given Gen. Barbeaks	17 50
Order given to J. F. Clyne	24 62
Order given C. Bell	5 50
Order given H. P. Cowan	5 00
Debt to J. K. Richard, about (not audited)	20 00
	$ 385 01

The above is a statement of Assets and Liabilities of Ceres township this date, so far as has come to our knowledge.

JNO. J. ROBERTS, } Auditors.
F. E. LULL, }

Ceres, Pa., April 25, 1881. 20-3t.

Trial List.

COMMENCING FIRST MONDAY JUNE, 1881.

1. H P Cooper, M L Cooper and O E Cooper partners as P H Cooper & Sons vs Eugene M Cooper. No. 101, December term, 1880. Capias in Trespass.

2. Lewis Emery Jr vs John DeGolia and Francis DeGolia. No. 26, December term, 1876. Ejectment for land in Bradford township.

3. C M Farrar and John Trott as Farrar & Trott vs G W Hicks. No. 215, December term 1877. Replevin.

4. C M Farrar and John Trott as Farrar & Trott vs G W Hicks. No. 214, December term, 1877. Attachment.

5. B W Mann vs R W Means and E W Coddington. No. 163, February term, 1878. Ejectment for land in Bradford township.

6. A T Newell vs H S Baker. No 208, February term, 1878. Ejectment for land in Bradford borough.

7. W S McIntosh, James Hemphill, N P Hart and W Wade Jr partners as McIntosh Hemphill & Co vs M C Clark. No 248 June term 1878. Assumpsit.

8. Solomon Barrett vs Lewis Phillips, A M Herbert and Isaac T Doggett, trading as Phillips & Herbert. No 251 June term 1878. Assumpsit.

9. D C McEntire and J C Prescott as the McEntire Torpedo Company vs Joseph Merman. No 255 June term 1878. Assumpsit.

10. Charles Peach vs C I Hayes and H P Griffith. No 277 June term 1878. Ejectment for lots in Bradford borough.

11. Thomas A McKinnon vs W S Hanna and R H Burgess partners as Hanna & Burgess. No 288 September term 1878. Assumpsit.

12. The Producers Consolidated Land and Petroleum Company vs W H Chandler, L B Foster and W Wade trading as Chandler, Foster & Co. No 289 September term 1878. Assumpsit.

13. M P Russell vs Wallace Bauer. No 2 December term 1878. Replevin.

14. Wm Murtaugh vs The Bradford Oil Company. No 288 December term 1878. Ejectment for land in Otto township.

15. J L Carnaghan & Co for use of Samuel K Kilts vs E W Ingram. No 248 December term 1878. Assumpsit.

16. David Morrey, W W Brown and R H Rose partners as Morrey, Brown & Rose vs P L Webster. No 247 December 1878. Assumpsit.

17. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs P Actley. No 248 December term 1878. Debt.

18. C J Lane and Jacob Brown as C J Lane & Co vs J S Purple. No 436 February term 1879. Ejectment for land in Bradford borough.

19. A L Roberts vs Homer Wood. No 444 February term 1879. Debt.

20. John Drake vs M K McBride with notice to Alexander Cummings, B O Broughton, Charles or John and R P Ingersoll terre tenants. No 67 June term 1879. Ejectment for land in Otto township.

21. Chester K Bartwell vs Chester S King. No 319 June term 1879. Assumpsit.

22. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the use of C K Bartwell vs C S King, Lemuel B Dailey and Hosmer B King. No 320 June term 1879. Official Bond.

23. J T Johnson vs Marcus Huling. No 376 June term 1879. Assumpsit.

24. Winfield S Rayhew vs P E Sumner, P M Pratt, C H Pilkins, defendants, Phillip Rauh, Andrew Shoutenan Co, George Dingman and John Tiverton, No 648 December term 1879. Ejectment for land in Keating township.

25. Wesley Chambers and J T Jones doing business as Chambers & Jones vs John Bentley. No 88 June term 1880. Assumpsit.

26. Winfield S Rayhew vs Marcus Wall. No 388 September term 1879. Debt.

27. The J M Brunswick and Balke Co use of James B Norton vs H R Dibbins and M M Washburn. No. 286 September term 1879. Trespass vi et armis.

28. Kneeb Briggs and Mary S Briggs vs right of said Mary S Briggs vs D C Young and Caroline Young. No. 287 September term 1879. Replevin.

29. W W Patrick vs A B Mills. No. 279 September term 1879. Ejectment for land in Otto township.

30. Thomas McAdams vs Rosa Walker owner and her husband George Walker agent and contractor for the said Rosa Walker. No 288 September term 1879. Scire Fa. for Mechanics Lien.

List of Jurors.

Drawn for Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, to be Summoned for First Monday of June, 1881.

Annin, James, Bradford city.
Ashly, G. W., Bradford township.
Ashly, M. D. P., Eldred township.
Aldrich, J. C., Lafayette township.
Bentley, Walter, Annin township.
Chadwick, L. C., Smethport borough.
Cooper, Andrew, Hamlin.
Colegrove, Jonathan, Norwich township.
Crosby, Jerry, Foster township.
Drummond, D. Y., Wetmore township.
Carnahan, James, Foster township.
Chamberlain, J. C., Corydon township.
Dering, C. H., Bradford township.
Dunkel, William, Liberty township.
Eastwood, R. H., Norwich township.
Emerson, Alden, Corydon township.
Freeman, W. H., Bradford township.
Foster, Isaac, Lafayette township.
Fox, James, Upper Oswayo township.
Farley, John W., Norwich township.
Fuller, Alfred, Bradford township.
Hawthorn, Abel, Bradford township.
Hopkins, James, Annin township.
Kimball, J. H., Norwich township.
Mead, A. J., Liberty township.
Mallory, J. M., Otto township.
Parker, Hezekiah, Sr., Corydon township.
Powell, W. C., Norwich township.
Rathbun, C. B., Corydon township.
Sherrill, J. H., Liberty township.
Shermerhorn, George, Bradford township.
Tracy, John, Lafayette township.
Winship, George, Annin township.

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HEAVY RAILROAD PROFITS.

THE ENORMOUS DIVIDENDS OF THE NARROW GAUGE LINES IN THE BRADFORD OIL REGIONS—REAL BONANZAS.

Soon after the great railroad purchase recently made by the Buffalo, Pittsburg and Western railroad company, attention was called to the enormous dividends which the narrow gauge railroad of the oil country were paying their stockholders. Through the courtesy of the secretary of internal affairs to a correspondent recently, access was given to the statements made under oath of the officers of those companies doing business in McKean county. These statements will soon be published in connection with the general railroad report issued by the department. There are three of these roads now running—one from Bradford, the Olean, Bradford and Warren, which runs to Olean, N. Y., and there connects with the New York, Lake Erie and Western, and Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia railroads; the Kendall and Eldred, which runs from Bradford to Eldred, in McKean county, where it connects with the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia railroad, and the Bradford, Bordell and Smethport, which connects Bradford with the county seat of McKean county. The two first of these roads are part of the recent purchase, which also embraced the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia and McKean and Buffalo railroads, together with a large body of coal lands in the southern townships of McKean county. None of these roads had any bonded indebtedness, and last year they paid dividends as follows: The Olean, Bradford and Warren on a capital stock of $150,000 thirteen dividends, twelve at 2 per cent. and one at 5 per cent, making a total of $45,000. The company had a surplus on hand at the end of the year of $1,836,778. The Kendall and Eldred railroad on a capital stock of $150,000 paid twelve dividends at 3 per cent., four at 6 per cent., and one at 10 per cent., making a total of $105,000. Besides these dividends the company built a plank road costing them $1,176,650, which earned $2,700 above expenses in about six months. At the end of the year this company had a surplus on hand of $2,553,150. The Bradford, Bordell and Smethport road traverses an unbroken wilderness its entire length of twenty five miles. It commenced doing business in June of last year, but the road was only running a distance of seven miles at that time. In September the company commenced declaring a dividend of 2 per cent., and continued to declare that dividend monthly to the end of the year on a capital stock of $250,000. At the end of the year the company had a surplus on hand of $2,651,989.

The Olean, Bradford and Warren railroad company is now actively engaged in extending its road to Warren, a distance of some thirty five miles. On the route which it traverses are several recently developed oil fields, and at the western terminus strikes one of the liveliest towns in the state. A charter has just been granted for a narrow gauge road from Eldred to Ceres, in McKean county, which is intended as a part of the projected road from Wellsville, Alleghany county, N. Y., to Eldred. It will there connect with the Kendall and Eldred, and will make a continuous narrow gauge line from Bradford to Wellsville on the New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad. This piece of road will traverse a very promising oil development which lies just north of the state line, between Alleghany county, N. Y., and McKean and Potter counties, this state. It is proposed to build a branch from the Bradford, Bordell and Smethport road to Kane, on the Philadelphia and Erie road, there to connect with a narrow gauge road there being constructed from the lower oil fields in Clarion county to Kane. It is also proposed to connect this road with the coal fields in the southern part of the county a tract of some 3,000 acres adjoining the large tract recently purchased of the Buffalo coal company being owned by gentlemen connected with the enterprise.

WOMAN'S KINGDOM.

SOME REFLECTIONS APPROPRIATE TO THE DAY—TWO WAYS TO CLEAN HOUSE.

We had foolishly thought to write a sermon upon the duty of cheerfulness and patience and long suffering—a moving sermon—pertinent to these days and preceding and subsequent to the 1st of May, as though any of our readers would stop long enough during this busiest season to hear us sermonize or theorise. In fact, we had our "Firstly" all prepared to read in this manner: There is probably no period during the entire year when there is so much need of that rare virtue, cheerfulness and genuine good nature, as during the annual house-cleaning season. Let any one resolutely provide a good stock of patience, keep their thoughts fixed on the result, and not upon the intermediate stages, and the battle is half over. But, upon second thought, we deem it much wiser to tell a plain story of the manner in which we have witnessed this annual battle with the dirt waged in two families, and this was the first method: The evening previous to the taking up of the first tack, the mother, father, and hence the children, all looked gross. "Oh, dear! how I dread to begin," exclaims the wife, and the husband exclaims, "It's all nonsense, anyhow." "I won't crimp my hair to-night," exclaims the wife, "as I won't be 'at home' to anybody to-morrow." "Humph!" comes in subdued echoes from behind the evening paper, "to anybody but her husband."

The following morning the wife resurrects an old faded wrapper, twists her hair into a surprisingly small knot, ties up her head in a horridly unbecoming brown veil, and, in fact, goes down to breakfast looking so surprisingly homely that it makes husband and children cross to look at her. The thoughtless husband exclaims, "Well, Maria, we are growing old, ain't we?" and the fun is all over for that day—the house-cleaning storm has burst. "She" suggests stove-pipes, and "he" resurrects an old tool, long since outgrown, and returns, sans collar, and looks so astonishingly ugly that she wonders how she ever could have thought him handsome; and so the morning wanes, dinner time approaches, and the order is given, "Bridget, don't take time to cook much to-day. You need not make any fresh coffee, just give us a cold lunch." Tired and hungry the weary housekeepers work on, growing crosser and crosser, until life seems a burden and a huge bonfire desirable.

Now, we know a home where another method has been tried with gratifying success, and which we know you will accept as a helpful suggestion, and though you may be inclined to laugh we do not know of anything one can better do for their neighbors than to incite a genuine laugh about the 1st of May.

The wife concluded that any woman could be cheerful and pleasant when everything went smoothly, and hence if one was ever to be a hero he must improve the house-cleaning season, and this was the way she planned her campaign.

In the first place, since everything about the house will be unattractive for the next few days, I will at least make myself presentable, hence a fresh white apron was donned over a light wrapper a becoming blue veil made into a dust-protecting turban, and yes—a fresh carnation pink fastened at her throat and in her hair.

"Why, Mary, how young and fresh you look," exclaimed the somewhat surprised husband, as this wise little wife entered the breakfast room. "You are a genuine comfort, anyhow, and I know that flower is worn for me to-day, and I appreciate it." The stovepipes won't be half so "totally depraved to-day," and the battle was half won.

"Bridget, make a good cup of coffee, boil plenty of eggs, and broil the steak nicely. When people are tired, good, wholesome food is unusually necessary. And you will find a few fresh flowers in my room for the table."

Although the dining-room carpets may be in the hands of the carpet shaker, the curtains gone to the laundry, yet have a well-cooked dinner, with a few flowers to brighten the dishevelled room, and the terrors of house-cleaning will be greatly mitigated.

But let a wife look homely as she can, and somewhat cross, and then give a man (even the best) warmed-over coffee and cold potatoes, and despite the best resolutions, life won't seem as rose-colored as it did during the honeymoon.

And the wife who can rise superior to the annoyances and discomforts and fatigue of house-cleaning will doubtless be blow upon her home the benediction of cheerfulness for the rest of the year. And nothing is more needed in our American homes than genuine cheerfulness.

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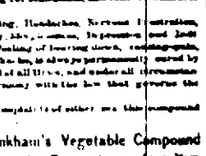

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